



# ScamAware

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### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Scammers pretend to be the FTC again
- Social media a gold mine for scammers in 2021
- Woodbridge Money Launderer Sentenced for his Role in a Romance Fraud Scheme (VA)
- Man Sentenced in Unemployment Benefits Scam (VA)
- Virginia AG hiring staff to target unemployment fraud
- FBI Warns of the Impersonation of Law Enforcement and Government Officials
- DOJ finds more than \$8 billion in COVID aid fraud

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## - Tools and Resources -



Resource | US DOJ

### **Task Force on Market Integrity and Consumer Fraud**

Fraud committed by companies and their employees has a devastating impact on American citizens in the financial markets, the health care sector, and elsewhere. The President's Executive Order directs the Task Force to invite participation from law enforcement partners at many departments and agencies. By working together, we can achieve more effective and efficient outcomes. Drawing on our pooled resources, we can identify and stop fraud on a wider scale than any one agency acting alone.

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Article | USAGov

### **USAGov's Five Lessons Learned to Combat Scams in 2021**

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Americans [have reported over 260K scams and lost over \\$412M in frauds linked to COVID-19](#).

Due to the rise in fraud, federal experts across the government share official information on how to recognize, avoid and report many types of scams.

Explore five key tips collected by USAGov during National Consumer Protection Week this March to protect your family and wallets in 2021.

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